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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington DC 20231

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Applicant: Steven A. Benner
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, the Applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the Examiner's action mailed December 6, 1999 be extended for three (3) months to and including September 29, 2001.

Enclosed is a check for \$445.00 for the required fee. This is a verified statement that the Applicant is a "small entity" as defined by the Code. Please deduct any additional charges, as appropriate, or apply any credits to the Deposit Account Number 02-2055 in the Applicant's name.

Respectfully submitted,

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